

THE SOCIAL CORNER

Keep Alive That Little Spark of Celestial Fire—Conscience

SOCIAL CORNER PORTAL.
MY OWN FIRE.
Alone I sit while twilight falls,
And shadows dance upon the walls;
Without, I hear the swift rain
Beating upon the window-pane;
I hear the wind, in boundaries pent,
The imprisoned force with shriek lament;
And creeping slowly up the hill
The white mist rises, cold and still,
No mother calls, no nestling speaks,
Each living thing a shivering seeks,
But though the frightened day has gone
And storm and dark are coming on,
I fear not the approaching night,
But bid him welcome with delight,
For with a book, a lamp, a fire,
What more of joy may I require?
—NINETTE M. LOWATER.

LIFE THE MASTER.
Fate would I make a comrade of my life,
Waking each morn to find companionship,
Draining Fate's chalice with an eager lip,
Finding joy after grief, peace after strife.
Fate would I see a clear, straight way ahead,
Where in the open I might meet each foe,
Whence looser, victor, I may onward go,
Choosing my way, not blinded and not led.
But life is not a friend, its master he,
Unkindly, merciless and full of guile,
Falls off my trust betraying with a smile,
Holding me bound when most I would be free;
Yet I must walk with him, hand clasped in hand,
Unknowing where he leads me, to what land,
—NINETTE M. LOWATER, in New York Sun.

ANSWERS AND INQUIRIES.
DELORES—D. S. R. has forwarded a pattern for pined quilt block which will be forwarded to you if you will send in name and address.
HARRIS—Having complied with the requirements you are duly recorded a member of The Social Corner.
TWO-LIP—You're membership in The Social Corner has been recorded upon receipt of name and address.
BUCKEY—Your application received and you are duly registered as a Corner member.
ROSE LEE—Your communication received and you are recorded in the Corner membership list.

QUILT PATTERN FOR DELORES.
Social Corner Editor: In last Saturday's Bulletin, Delores asked for pattern for pined quilt blocks. Now I am enclosing one as I do not know her name or address. If there is any way to let her know she has it, by calling or sending to the office for it. I'd be glad to help her that much.
D. S. R.

CLUB NO. 2'S ENJOYABLE GATHERING.
Dear Social Corner Sisters: We certainly did enjoy our meeting at Buckingham Memorial, April 30th. It was a beautiful sunny day, and wonderful to relate. It didn't rain once in all the day. There were 50 present and they came from north, south, east and west. I was pleased to extend the glad hand to sisters from Williamstown and members of Club No. 3. The members were a lot of black and white in the line of our late respected editor. We had our usual fine dinner with doughnuts in the lead. There were raised doughnuts, twisted ones, and round ones with a nutmeg piece. At our last meeting biscuits were most prominent.
Following the lunch there was an interesting program and it was very effective, with music, singing and recitations, closing with The Star Spangled Banner.
Mandy: Was glad you were able to meet with us again.
Aunt Mary: Glad to see you.
Scottie: Hope you will be rested from house cleaning, so you can speak your piece.
Auntie No. 1: Glad to see you after so many months.
Peggy in Paris: Think you were "the Belle of the ball," as your dramatic speaking, caused one sister (possibly novel, to shed tears.
Katie Bly: Was pleased to see you serve the pie, though you passed me by.
Lucy Acorn: Hope to see your children some day before they all lag.
Irene: Missed you, but hope you received your May basket.
Joan: Your piece was rather short.
Frieda, and May Pal: Your fancy dancing was very much appreciated.
Better Late Than Never: Don't be so shy next time.
Married and Happy: Missed you.
Bumble Bee: Sorry you couldn't come, even if we didn't have the beans. Hope Little Humblebee is getting along all right.
Here's hoping we have as good a time at our next meeting.
BELLE.

HOW TO COOK WITHOUT SUGAR.
Dear Sisters of the Corner: This is Saturday morning and when I tell you I have four pies in the oven baking and no two alike, please don't any of you exclaim, "What an extravagant woman!" And only two in her family? But the pies are small ones only about the size of a tea plate. Let me tell you a little story right here.
A number of years ago when my family numbered three, my small son was spending a few days on the Williamstown Camp Ground with his aunt and one day they were to have custard pie for dinner (a favorite kind of his), and watching his aunt as she cut the pie, he remarked, "You don't give very large pieces of pie, do you, auntie?" to which she replied, "I don't know, why do you think so?"
"Well, you have cut your pie into six pieces: my mamma never cuts hers into but four."
Now my places did not have any more in them than hers, but he did not take in the difference in size. I always make my pies small, so as to cut a fresh one each day.
How I came to have four different kinds today was that in planning my baking I arranged to make a rice pie and an old-fashioned filling for the same. Then I found I had just enough prunes left from the sauce I had had during the week to make one pie. Now I have seen watching my rhubarb very impatiently for a couple of weeks past, and I noticed that I could get enough of that for one pie, hence the four kinds of pie.

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As I only make pies once a week and that on Saturday and finish the week with puddings when they are gone, I ventured to make four.
I have just made for the first time (yesterday) some sugarless doughnuts, and they turned out so good I am going to send you the recipe.
Sugarless Doughnuts: One-half can of Challenge condensed milk, or about that amount, one-half can, or same amount of sweet milk, two teaspoons melted shortening, two teaspoons salt powder, one egg, well beaten, salt, spice, and flour to handle. Makes about two and one-half dozen.
Also am sending recipe for sugarless frosting, which I have used with success all winter.
Cocoa Frosting: Four large tablespoons cocoa, one large tablespoon cornstarch, one-half teaspoon vanilla, enough condensed milk to mix into a smooth, rather firm paste to spread. Be careful not to make too soft.
I noticed today in the Corner letters how to can dandelions. How fortunate you must be to be able to get enough to fill all the jars you can get enough for one or two little messes for the table during the season. No one raises them to sell in this town, so far as I know, and there are two persons hunting for every wild one that grows, and these wild ones are run over by children, cats, dogs, and hens, until they seem hardly fit to eat.
In noticing the letters written in regard to our late editor, I like many another sister, regret I had no personal acquaintance with him, having never met him, and am sure it has been a loss to myself, but have received many pleasant impressions of him, both through the courtesies received from him and the reports of him through others more fortunate than I in that they knew him personally. We shall without the least doubt miss him many times and often as we journey along life's highway, and to show our appreciation of him, let us every one be ready to lend a helping hand to his successor whenever the chance occurs.
With his wishes for the growth and prosperity of the Corner, I am as ever, one of your number,
DELIAN DEAL.

FLOWERS—THEIR NEED AND PLANTING TIME.
Dear Sisters of the Social Corner: I read Inexpensive's letter in last Saturday's Bulletin and cannot resist answering it, as I love flowers, and have had such wonderful luck with them, that I made a study of their needs, and the time to plant.
May 15 is a trifle late for sweet peas, but perhaps next year, if you follow my directions, you will have earlier blossoms. Put your pea seeds in the ground late in the fall, just before the ground freezes, and cover thick with fertilizer. Uncover them as soon as the frost is out, and you will see how early they will start up. Plant them in a shallow trench, and as the vines grow high pull the dirt up over them. If you find that they are getting a little green bug on them, mix half coal oil and water, and sprinkle them, as these bugs are sure to kill the vines. Pick off the blossoms every day, so as not to let the seed pods form.
It is time now to plant nasturtiums. I always had better success with the dwarf as they are very free bloomers, making

a nice border for a flower bed, and have longer stems for pickings.
Mignonette can go in now. Get what they call Giant Macheite, as it has enormous brownish cone shaped blossoms and is very fragrant.
In planting poppies, you may have two crops. Throw your poppy seeds right out on the snow in February, wherever you want them to grow, and let the melting snow take them into the ground.
These will bloom in July. You may plant some now for late blooming.
Anything of a lily nature needs shade, but most of the other flowers need lots of sun. I found the greatest success in planting flowers that would take care of themselves. Either those that would make hardy roots or would seed down and come up every spring themselves.
Anters you can plant the same way as the sweet peas.
Snap-dragons are good flowers and will seed down in the fall and come up in the spring, but must be thinned out.
My tulip beds were the show grounds of the city. Setting in 500 bulbs the first fall, I set them about two inches deep and four inches apart; let them blossom for three springs. After they were done blossoming, the third spring, on taking them up found that I had about 1,500 bulbs that were ready to blossom the next spring.
It is the most interesting work that can be done, and if one has the time and place for the cultivation of flowers there is no pleasanter pastime.
NAOMI.

HOME MADE SOAP.
Social Cornerites: I read with interest what one of the sisters had to say recently about saving soap bits and I wonder how many in The Corner ever save up the material that is used to make soap, instead of throwing it away.
I don't know if the time was counted whether much is actually saved making soap, but I like the product and certainly do like to have a bit of soft soap during housecleaning time. This is the way I make soap:
Cold Process—One can of lye dissolved in two quarts of water. Add this to five pounds of grease, being careful that the grease has not been overheated. Stir thoroughly and slowly until soap is produced.
Hard Soap—One can of lye in four quarts of water. Add this solution to six pounds of grease or tallow. Boil slowly and stir until soap is produced.
Soft Soap—One can of lye in three gallons of water. Add this to five pounds of grease or tallow. Boil, stirring slowly, until soap is produced.
PUSSTY WILLOW.

NICE SUPPER DISHES.
Dear Corner Sisters: I have no doubt that many of you are doing your part in making use of the cheaper cuts of meat, if such can be found. I know I am, and when possible we are getting along without meat and we find we are saving without suffering. It may be unwise to try to get along without any meat, but the use of it can be greatly reduced without noticing it. Some days we have no meat at all, and enjoy the change, while it is frequent that our suppers are meatless.
Meatless dishes such as these are excellent for suppers:
Cheese pudding, boiled spinach, prune-and-nut mold, boiled custard, sauce, tea.
Egg timbales, bread sauce, prune-and-cream nut salad, whole wheat bread and butter, tea.
Canned tomatoes, baked with nuts, graham muffins, boiled custard snow, eggs, potato sponge cake, tea.
Macaroni and cheese, waffles, maple syrup, tea.
Rice, cooked with tomatoes and cheese, bread and butter, canned peas, cookies, tea.
Lettuce and canned stringless beans.

French dressing. Parker House rolls. Lettuce and salmon salad, squash biscuit, boiled rice, canned fruit, tea.
Boston baked beans, tomato catsup, graham bread, lettuce, French dressing, stewed prunes, cocoa.
Creamed flounder, haddock, baking powder biscuit, canned or fresh rhubarb pie, coffee, caramel jelly, whipped cream, tea.
Potato salad with anchovies, rye bread with caraway seeds, cocoa or tea.
Cream of potato soup, croutons, gingerbread, baked in tomato sauce; creamed asparagus on toast, cream cheese, tea.
FRED'S WIFE.

YARDS SHOULD BE MADE ATTRACTIVE.
Social Corner Members: How glad we all are that the season is at hand when we can get out and dig in our flower gardens and make the grounds about our homes more attractive. Those who live in their own homes can do so much more than those who live in rented quarters feel justified in doing.
Where the permanent resident would plant trees, shrubs and perennials, the temporary occupant may substitute annuals.
Where it is desired to substitute for small trees and large shrubs the costar bean will be found adapted. There are many varieties of these plants, with carefully shaped and colored foliage. They grow quickly from five to twenty feet tall, according to the kind, and they may be used to screen a building or hide unsightly sheds and outbuildings as well as be used for specimen planting.
For screening a back yard fence such tall growing flowering plants as corn, "cut and come again" sunflowers can be used, or if a more showy plant is wanted, the double chrysanthemum or golden ball sunflower may be used, and among these a few amaranthus tricolor (Joseph's coat).

And where a lower screen is wanted or tall growing flowering plants such as tall zinnias, marigolds, scabiosa, salvia, etc., may be used.
To imitate the expensive arborescences and evergreens Kochia, sometimes called summer cypress, can very successfully be employed, as it grows quickly to be two or three feet tall, very symmetrical, with dense bright green fine-cut foliage which turns to a fiery red in fall.
Castor beans should be planted about two or three inches deep. Sunflower, one and zinnias, myricoides and holly, one and one-half inches deep.
I shall be pleased to hear what others can offer in the way of making the yard more attractive.
O. I. C.

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THINKS OLD WRITERS ON VACATION.
Social Corner Friends: I am wondering if this is the vacation period for the old writers? Most of them seem to be taking one, anyway. Glad to see so many new ones coming in. Hope to meet you all this summer.
A Flower Lover: I am guessing who you are and on the strength of that am extending to you a welcome to our Social Corner, which I think you will enjoy more and more as you become acquainted with the good people who are very much alive as you will find out if you ever have the pleasure of attending any of their gatherings. If I guess correctly, we do not live so very many miles apart and I am also very fond of flowers, especially the rose, violet, jasmine, lily and fern.
O. H. O.: You surely have me guessing where you live in the northeastern part of this state, and be ten miles from the trolley or a steam car station. Hope you have friends near you, who have a car or a horse and will take you out some times where you may meet some of the sisters.
Good luck to you all.
TWICE TWENTY.

HOW TO MAKE RHUBARB WINE.
Dear Social Corner Friends: Was glad to see so many from Williamstown at our meeting, May 8th. There were some that I missed, who could not be with us. A few weeks ago some one asked for a recipe to make rhubarb wine. I'll send it as no one else has responded yet.
Rhubarb Wine: To each gallon of juice add one gallon of water, in which has been dissolved seven pounds of brown sugar. Fill a keg with this proportion, leaving the bung out and keep it filled with sweetened water as it works the sisters.
Some writers of the page please give us your opinions if you have tried the bouquet coal.
BLANCHE.

BELL LACE.
Social Cornerites: If you do not get any more time than I do these days you are not doing much crocheting, but there has been considerable rainy weather and that has given me a chance to roll up a yard or two of pretty bell lace. Thinking some of you might like it I am sending the directions.
Chain 10 and connect, thus making a ring.
Chain 5 and double crochet twice into the ring, chain 3 and double crochet three times into the same ring.
Chain 5 and double crochet 3 times into the space made by crocheting the 3 stitches in previous row, chain 3 and double crochet 3 times into the same space.
Chain 5 and do the same as in the last row.
Chain 5 and double crochet eight times into the five chain stitches made when you made the second row. Chain 5 stitches and turn. Then triple crochet between each of the stitches of the previous row, chain 5, turn and double crochet between each stitch, making two chain stitches between each double stitch, this will make seven spaces at the bottom of the bell.
Turn and single crochet twice into each space and once on each double crochet, making a piece of five chains in the middle of the fourth space. Chain 11 stitches and come to the top of the lace and double crochet into the space made by the 3 chain stitches, as done in starting the lace.
Make 3 more of these and continue as at first until you have finished making the spaces at the bottom of the bell, before single crocheting.
Fasten the bell to the one made before with a slip stitch or single crochet stitch, and in turning make the single crochet stitches and piece which finish the bell and bring you to the proper side to chain 11 stitches and start the third bell.
Best wishes to all the members.
TESS.

SOME HINTS REGARDING FLOWERS.
Social Corner Editor: I cannot pass

as an authority on flowers but it may interest inexperience in her quest for information to know that others have planted sweet peas about the same time she did, even though it is a bit late, and that from now on this month would be a proper time for planting nasturtiums, mignonette or poppies.
There are people who have shady.

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